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## **SPORTS FACILITIES IN SEMINOLE COUNTY**

A combination of exceptional sports facilities, ideal climate and close proximity to Orlando's world-famous attractions are resulting in Seminole County becoming a sports mecca for national and international athletes alike.

Key to Seminole's sports success is the Seminole County Sports Training Center at Lake Sylvan Park in Sanford. A state-of-the-art, 15,000-square-foot training facility opened in July 1993. It includes a weight training room, shower/locker rooms, a physical therapy and conditioning area, meeting and dining space, a catering kitchen and a 65" big-screen television with a satellite dish to allow athletes in training to view their performances on video or watch competitors' matches in progress.

Adjacent to the center are six 80-yard x 120-yard international regulation sports fields (for soccer, rugby, field hockey, American football, flag football and lacrosse) as well as nine tennis courts and four outdoor racquetball courts.

The center was the home field for the gold medal winning U.S. Women's Soccer Team for 18 months in preparation for the 1996 Centennial Olympics in Atlanta. It is also a designated 1994 World Cup training site, used by the Republic of Ireland World Cup team and other soccer teams from around the world. In addition, the center has hosted the U.S. Field Hockey Association Festival.

Adding to Seminole County's appeal is the \$4-million Seminole County Softball complex. Located in Altamonte Springs, the complex has hosted a 48-team National Softball Association (NSA) national qualifier, the NSA girls 16-and-under Slowpitch Nationals, an American Softball Association (ASA) Fastpitch national qualifier, the Men's B Slowpitch ASA National Tournament and the NSA, ASA, ISA, and Senior Softball World Series.

The complex includes five lighted Bermuda grass fields with covered dugouts and separate electronic scoreboards. Located in the center of the five fields is an 8,000-square-foot, three-story operations center which houses the concessions area, restrooms with showers, a meeting room and viewing balcony, an administrative office and scorekeeper areas. Parking and seating are plentiful.

The state-of-the-art Lake Brantley Aquatic Center in Altamonte Springs has served as the training facility for a host of Olympic-caliber athletes, among them the U.S. Water Polo Team, the Russian Water Polo team, the Italian National Men's Water Polo team, the Spanish Olympic Swim team, and the Canadian Olympic Synchronized Swim Team.

### **Seminole County Softball Complex**

264 West North Street  
Altamonte Springs

This five-field complex is the perfect setting for any softball competition, and has hosted a variety of ASA, NSA, ISA and USSSA National Softball Championships. The operations center sits in the center of the fields, offering many amenities.

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**Historic Sanford Memorial Stadium**

1201 Mellonville Avenue  
Sanford

This recently renovated 2000-seat historic stadium was originally built in 1926 and hosted the likes of Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson. It now hosts a variety of today's great players, including Women's Professional Baseball, collegiate baseball teams and ASA Men's Softball events.

**Sanlando Park**

401 West Highland Street  
Altamonte Springs

This nationally recognized tennis facility has served as host for numerous United States Tennis Association Championships, and will serve as host site for the 2003-2005 NCAA Division II Men's & Women's Tennis National Championships.

**Lake Brantley Aquatic Center**

991 Sand Lake Road  
Altamonte Springs

This outstanding aquatic center has served as the training facility for a host of Olympic-caliber athletes, among them the U.S., Russian and Italian Water Polo Teams, the Spanish Olympic Swim Team and the Canadian Olympic Synchronized Swim Team.

**Seminole County Sports Training Center**

845 Lake Markham Road  
Lake Sylvan Park, Sanford

This 15,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art training center provides ideal fields for soccer, rugby, field hockey, American football, flag football and lacrosse.

It has been the home field for soccer teams worldwide, including the 1996 United States Women's Gold Medal Olympic Soccer Team.

**Merrill Park**

985 Merrill Park  
Altamonte Springs

This facility was awarded Olympic Rings by the U.S. Olympic Committee and designated as the official USA Softball National Training Center – East Coast.

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*Just a stone's throw away from all the major attractions of Central Florida, and within a 15-minute drive from its tourist-magnet neighbor Orlando, Seminole County offers great accommodations, fine dining, upscale shopping, superb golf courses, and state-of-the-art sports facilities and training complexes - flanked by charming historical villages.*

*Surrounded by the beauty of natural Florida, Seminole County also offers the classic Florida experience of peaceful rivers, fishing, boating, hiking and more.*

*Getting to Daytona can truly be a day at the beach from Seminole, and visitors are in prime position to take off for Florida's famed Space Coast, too.*

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